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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 400,000 pounds, down 20 percent from the previous month and June 2010.

There were 500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, up 100 head from May and the previous year. Average live weight was 742 pounds, down 82 pounds from the previous month and 19 pounds below June 2010. Total live weight, at 349,000 pounds, was down five percent from the previous month but seven percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 300 head, down 100 head from the previous month and 200 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 528 pounds, down six pounds from May but unchanged from the previous year. Total live weight, at 184,000 pounds, was down 11 percent from May and 25 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous month and the previous year. Average live weight was 193 pounds, down 12 pounds from May 2011 but four pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 165,000 pounds, up two percent from May and 11 percent above the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 300 head, up 100 head from the previous month but unchanged from the previous year. Live weight averaged 53 pounds, down five pounds from the previous month and ten pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.2 billion pounds in June, up one percent from the previous year.

June 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including zero holidays) and four Saturdays. **June 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including zero holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.4 billion pounds, was two percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.1 million head, up two percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up one pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, four percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,500 head, up six percent from June 2010. The average live weight was down three pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.8 billion pounds, down one percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.9 million head, down one percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up two pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up three pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up one percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up one percent from last year, veal was down two percent, pork was up two percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down eight percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		January – June		June		January – June	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.7	2.6	3,049.5	3,101.2	16,843.4	16,955.9
Calves	0.4	0.5	0.3	2.6	2.1	68.5	72.5	434.1	406.0
Hogs	0.8	0.8	0.9	5.9	5.7	9,046.3	8,940.0	53,704.0	53,598.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.8	1.4	212.1	183.4	1,213.8	1,079.6
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	369	325	349	2,092	2,167	3,834,32	3,900,208	21,286,825	21,495,660
Calves	206	246	184	1,442	1,173	18,214	18,938	111,798	109,634
Hogs	162	149	165	1,143	1,111	2,449,71	2,434,938	14,573,341	14,804,640
Sheep & Lambs	13	21	14	128	89	28,309	25,116	165,686	151,701
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	824	761	742	775	833	1,261	1,262	1,268	1,272
Calves	534	528	528	555	559	269	266	261	276
Hogs	205	189	193	194	195	271	273	272	276
Sheep & Lambs	58	63	53	71	64	134	137	137	141
-----Million pounds-----									
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.4	3.0	2.9	4,176.5	4,218.4	23,854.6	24,201.3

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100 million head, one percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down one percent from July 1, 2010.

- **Beef cows**, at 31.4 million, were down one percent from July 1, 2010.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.2 million, were up one percent from July 1, 2010.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2011, and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down one percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, down five percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, up four percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.6 million, down two percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down one percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, two million, down five percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 27.2 million, down one percent.
- **All cattle and calves** on feed for slaughter, 12.2 million, up three percent.

Louisiana and United States Cattle and Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana ¹	United States		
	Jan. 1, 2011	July 1, 2010	July 1, 2011	2011 as a percent of 2010
	-----Thousand Head-----			Percent
All Cattle and Calves	790	101,100	100,000	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	480	40,900	40,600	99
Beef Cows	461	31,750	31,400	99
Milk Cows	19	9,150	9,200	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	108	16,200	16,000	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	82	4,400	4,200	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	5	4,050	4,200	104
Other Heifers	21	7,750	7,600	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	14,400	14,200	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	30	2,100	2,000	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds	151	27,500	27,200	99
Calf Crop ²	360	35,685	35,500	99

¹ July 1 estimates are not published for Louisiana.

² For the U.S., the 2011 calf crop is all calves born before July 1, 2011, plus the number expected to be born on or after July 1.

Foodfish Inventory Numbers Down 25 Percent from a Year Ago

Catfish operations in the three major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi) had 159 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2011, down 25 percent from the July 1, 2010, total of 212 million foodsize fish. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2011, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 2.6 million fish, down 60 percent; medium foodsize, 33.8 million fish, down 45 percent; and small foodsize, 122 million fish, down 15 percent.

The three major states also had 430 thousand broodfish on hand on July 1, 2011, down five percent from last year's 455 thousand broodfish.

The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2011, totaled 176 million fish, up six percent from the 166 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 173 million small stockers, up two percent from last year. Producers had 732 million fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2011.

Water Acres Down 14 Percent

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2011, totaled 81.4 thousand acres, down 14 percent from a year ago. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 65.5 thousand acres, down 17 percent from the same time period in 2010. Acres for broodfish decreased 13 percent to 1.6 thousand acres, and acres used for fingerling production decreased eight percent to 11.5 thousand acres. Acres taken out of production during the January 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011, period totaled 4.5 thousand acres, while 2.2 thousand acres of the total in production were scheduled to be renovated from July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. The number of operations on July 1, 2011, in the three major states totaled 389, down 14 percent from last year's total of 454 operations.

Item	United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	455	430	2,113	1,994
Large Foodsize	6,350	2,570	22,300	9,512
Medium Foodsize	61,070	33,800	115,300	61,500
Small Foodsize	144,300	122,400	141,200	118,550
Total Foodsize	211,720	158,770	278,800	189,562
Large Stockers	166,100	176,400	65,350	70,750
Small Stockers	169,000	172,800	16,240	17,750
Total Stockers	335,100	349,200	81,590	88,500
Fingerlings/Fry	805,200	731,600	10,900	11,434

July Farm Prices Received Index Up 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased two points from June. The Crop Index was down one point but the Livestock Index increased three points. Producers received higher prices for cattle, milk, cantaloupes and corn and lower prices for broilers, wheat, broccoli and carrots. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grain sorghum, hay and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, potatoes, cantaloupes and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 43 points from July 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased two points from last month and 34 points from July 2010.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 206 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was up two points from June and 25 points above July 2010. Higher prices in July for feeder cattle, nitrogen, complete feeds and hay & forages more than offset lower prices for diesel, supplements and gasoline.

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Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011 ¹	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.90	12.50	2/	9.79	13.20	13.40
Sorghum, per cwt	2/	2/	2/	5.97	10.50	11.40
Rice, per cwt	12.80	11.70	12.70	12.60	11.80	12.50
Upland Cotton, per pound	2/	.797	.797 ³	.685	.814	.797 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	112.00	163.00	170.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	69.30	5/	5/	91.70	107.00	112.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	98.50	5/	5/	96.00	110.00	115.00
Cows, per cwt ⁶	54.30	5/	5/	59.10	75.90	74.40
Calves, per cwt	111.00	5/	5/	122.00	133.00	142.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.520	.490	.470
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.709	.883	.880
Milk, All, per cwt ⁷	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.90	21.20	22.10

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Estimates discontinued in 2011.

⁶ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁷ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums.

n/a = not available.

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